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Volksfest featuring rides, food, music to kick off July 30

BY ALLISON ECKEL
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Get ready for three days of rides, food and fun. The 47th annual German-American Volksfest opens July 30 at 11 a.m. and runs until 11 p.m. Aug. 1. For the second year in a row, the fest will be held at Camp Kasserine in Grafenwoehr.

Entrance to the fest grounds will be through gate 6, next to the U.S. military airfield, and gate 4 at Tanzfleck. Gates 1 and 3 will be open for U.S. ID cardholders and installation pass-holders only.

For security purposes, all fest attendees should carry some form of official identification and be prepared to have their bags checked upon entering the fest grounds.

Jointly hosted by the U.S. Army and the German-American Community Council, the fest is the biggest party of the year for the 100th Area Support Group and its surrounding communities.

"The [fest] expects 40,000 visitors, promoting German-American relations, fun and friendship," Neville Paschall, special-events coordinator for Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said. "Camp Kasserine is the ideal area to conduct an event of this size. The upgrades at this frequently used training site provide all the necessary resources. Its unique location additionally allows our host-nation guests and visitors to see an American installation up close."

Live entertainment throughout the weekend will include local German folk groups, such as the Grafenwoehr volunteer fire department band, *Pressather Musikantent* and the brass band *Stadtkapelle Eschenbach*.

Evening concerts on the MWR stage will span three musical genres. Rhythm-and-blues trio Washington is slated for July 30 from 7 to midnight. Pop music group Checkpoint will perform the evening of July 31 from 7 to 12. The Just Country Band will play country-and-western tunes Aug. 1 from 6 to 11.

But the fest is about more than music. Carnival rides will run all weekend. On opening day from 3 to 7, children will pay half price for the rides.

A Harley-Davidson motorcycle show will roar through at 11 a.m. on the final day of the fest.

On offer will be an array of food, from Asian noodles to schnitzel sandwiches, made by vendors who specialize in festal fare. A wild boar will be roasted and served at the

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Photo by Alice Adler

O say, did you see?

Each of the three communities of the 100th Area Support Group ended their Independence Day celebrations with fireworks finales. For photos of the afternoon activities, see pages 8 and 9.

Q&A

As temperatures increase, so does our wanderlust. Thus 'Training Times' wondered, "If money were no object, where in the world would you go on vacation?"



Capt. John "Dirty" Batson
"Bangkok"

Julie Even
"I'd go to Hawaii
and lie on the beach."



Master Sgt. Allen Drew
"I want to go to Rio de Janeiro."

Andy Bronell
"I'd spend a month
in Australia."



Capt. Tom Jauquet
"I'd go to Lambeau Field
in Green Bay, Wisconsin, for any
Packer football game."

Interviews and photos by Alice Adler

Commander's column

Month significant in many ways

BY COL. RICHARD JUNG
100TH ASG COMMANDER

It's true: You can feel the change when the month of July comes around. So we've got to pay attention, or its significance will slip right by us. What's so significant you ask? Obviously the start of July marks the halfway point for the calendar year — half over and half to go. That's a significant change. And July notifies us that the longest day of the year has passed; this year it was June 21. Now the days are getting shorter — another significant change. I don't know all the changes that July brings about, but there are four events this month that are significant in and of themselves.

The first event was the Fourth of July, our nation's 228th birthday. Anyone in the 100th ASG footprint miss it? Anyone not have fun? Barbecues, lots of sun, good beer, cold sodas, great friends and a superb fireworks display. Yep, that happened in all three of our communities. If you missed it, then you must not have been here, or you may have experienced a serious malady; I call it "party deficit."

How could you not have celebrated the singular event that commemorates the courage of our forefathers and the strength of their ideals — the very ideals embodied in a culture found in only one nation on this planet? For 228 years these values have survived, and these values are so important that our loved ones are fighting to instill them in faraway lands; that's significant. I can guarantee you that our deployed

family members would party if they were here. And if they weren't on a mission, then they were celebrating wherever they're located — MRE barbecue and near beer, lots of sun, some tunes and, yes, fireworks.

So if you suffered from party deficit, then

July offers you an opportunity to be cured.

But it takes action on your part, and that action is to be part of the second significant event in

July: the Graf Volksfest. It runs for three days, July 30 through Aug. 1. Barbecues, lots of food, lots of sun (usually), good German (and American) beer, cold sodas, hot rides, great friends and good tunes — get the cure, come out and have fun. If you're driving from Hohenfels or Vilseck, stay with a pal in Graf and walk to the fest.

Why is a fest significant? Because, just like the fest in Hohenfels this past April and May, the Graf Volksfest commemorates the friendship, partnership and cooperation with a nation and population who share our values: the German people. So get the cure that July offers. Celebrate.

Third, and very important this month, is the retirement of an outstanding old Soldier and a good friend of this old colonel. Command Sgt. Maj. James Van Patten, 100th ASG, has completed 30 years of service to our nation. Together with his wife, Carmen,

they have raised two sons. James, the eldest, is now serving in our Navy, and his younger brother, Calvin, will continue his studies at Vilseck American High School in the fall. Command Sgt. Maj. Van Patten is respected for many reasons but most important is that

those 30 years were never about him. It was always about Soldiers and service; that's significant. And Carmen has been an over-committed and

steadfast volunteer in the community of Graf; that's significant. And the void that their departure will make in our Army will be significant. On July 28, at 4 p.m., in front of the 7th ATC and 100th ASG headquarters building in Graf, we will formally retire this great NCO and let him fade away — as old Soldiers do. And that's significant.

Lastly, accompanying this sad news there's significant good news. With any of our departures, there is always a new person coming to the organization. We welcome Command Sgt. Maj. and Mrs. John Burns to the 100th ASG. Command Sgt. Maj. Burns PCSes from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with his wife, Geri. They have two children: Michael, an Army first lieutenant who is stationed in Mannheim, and Kara, a junior at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. That's significantly good news.

Pay attention to July: It is a significant month in the calendar year.

*If you suffered
from party deficit,
then July offers
you an opportunity
to be cured.*

HISSES

AND

HURRAHS

One more hurrah from the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Block Party Car Show, held in Vilseck on June 19: Staff Sgt. Steven Murankus, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-2 Infantry Battalion, also climbed up on the dunking booth, and let himself be plunged repeatedly into frigid water on an overcast day.

Pfc. Jennifer Moyer
409th BSB BOSS president

I'd like to give a hiss to whoever came up with the new parking lot for the Graf CDC. More parking is a good thing, but only if you can get in and out of it! Every other parking lot in Graf has one entrance and one exit, so no one fights for space. This new parking lot has a skinny space for both entry and exit. I hope it doesn't stay this way.

Mary Highland
Grafenwoehr

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'Insomniac' turns lights on Hohenfels

BY HEIDI FEDAK

282ND BSB MWR MARKETING

Before last week, Donna Madl had no idea who Dave Attell was.

That didn't stop her from attending the comedian's free show in Hohenfels, though. Now Attell can add Madl, a supervisory sports specialist in Hohenfels, to his list of fans.

"I thought he was very funny," Madl said of the Comedy Central comedian who visited Hohenfels July 8 through 11. "Since I hadn't heard anything about him, I wasn't sure what to expect, but the show was great."

Attell, the writer and host of Comedy Central's prime-time show *Insomniac with Dave Attell*, spent three days at the Hohenfels Training Area filming for the show, which spotlights people who work at night.

During his Hohenfels stint, Attell and his crew filmed Soldiers during physical training, the flag-raising ceremony, the military police canine unit, Soldiers as they trained at a MOUT site in "the box," and people working inside building 100 of the Combat Maneuver Training Center. As part of his antics, Attell donned a "bite suit" and let the MPs' dogs "attack" him. He also went on patrol in an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier.

On July 9, Attell, who was named one of the 25 funniest people in America by *Entertainment Weekly*, took time out of his whirlwind production schedule to



Photo by Norbert Wittl

Comedy Central's *Insomniac* Dave Attell waits in the back of a jeep driven by 7th Army Training Command public affairs officer Maj. Michael Durham as his crew prepares him for his tour July 9.

perform a 75-minute comedy routine to a standing-room-only audience at the Community Activities Center.

"The *Real World* puts seven people together in a house," Attell said. "You guys are probably like, 'Put 'em in a hole. Let's see 'em in a hole ... in the rain.'"

In a separate segment, Attell extolled the virtues of living overseas.

"You can smoke in McDonald's over here," he said. "You can't do that at home."

In the same skit, Attell even took

shots at himself.

"I played professional basketball in Japan," the small-statured Attell said, as the crowd roared.

Following the show, Attell signed photographs and handed out *Insomniac* hats. He returned to the CAC on July 10 to serve as a judge for the 100th Area Support Group Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow competitions (see page 15).

Attell's visit was funded in part by the USO.

While in Germany, he also

planned to film in Berlin. The footage will be broadcast as part of his show and is expected to air in the United States in September.



Photo by Heidi Fedak

Attell performs his stand-up comedy routine July 9 at the Community Activities Center.



Photos by Kathleen Gibbs

At left, Attell sits with his fellow judges, (left to right) 100th ASG command information officer Kevin Young, Sgt. Tami Cobbs of AFN Bavaria, and president of the Bavarian Arts Guild Maj. George Linka, during the Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow competitions July 10. Later, Attell signs an autograph for Sgt. Bradley Walker of Company B, 1-4 Infantry (above).

Range of possessions not packable for stateside moves

BY ROBERT SZOSTEK
USEUCOM CUSTOMS PAO

People moving to the United States this summer should start preparing now, customs officials advise. Find new homes for the things that are banned from import and apply for import permits on restricted items, as the process can take months.

"Prohibited items include plants, flammable substances, poisons,

obscene publications, destructive devices, explosives, and meat and meat products, such as sausage, pâté and salami," said Michael Burkert, U.S. European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency director.

Shipping firearms? "Have proof you owned them in the States or [get] an import permit," he added.

Other points to remember:

- Owners of vehicles not made

to U.S. standards must ship them through commercial importers registered with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency. Vehicles more than 25 years old are exempt from that rule, however;

- Mopeds and motorcycles must meet U.S. safety-and-pollution standards and be free of dirt;
- Wine collections may be shipped separately, after some

advance coordination with your transportation office and state alcohol-control board;

- Items made from parts of endangered species, such as ivory and some furs, may only be shipped if you can prove you owned them in the United States;
- Caviar may only be shipped if you can prove it was exported legally from the country of origin;
- Prescription drugs and

tobacco products are not allowed in your household goods, but may be carried onto the plane with you;

- Your state attorney general must approve all imports of gambling devices, which must also be registered with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Need more details? Check out the military customs office Web site at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/customs.htm.

In brief

Van Patten to relinquish

The 100th Area Support Group community is invited to the change-of-responsibility ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. James Van Patten on July 28 at 4 p.m. on the Headquarters Post Parade Field.

Van Patten will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. John Burns. A retirement ceremony for Van Patten will follow.

Dress will be the duty uniform for military personnel and business suits for civilians.

R & R airfare recoverable

Servicemembers who traveled on rest-and-recuperation leave while deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom from Sept. 25 to Dec. 18 may be reimbursed for airline costs.

Military R & R participants who paid for their airline tickets from overseas may be eligible to file a claim with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

For more information, log on to www.armyg1.army.mil/WellBeing/RRLeave/index.HTM.

DOD cracks down on fraud

A recent audit at the Department of Defense General Accounting Office discovered more than \$39 million in unused airline tickets that were not returned.

The same audit revealed 27,000 fraudulent travel claims from people seeking reimbursement for tickets that had been purchased by a central account.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will research travel claims and report suspected cases of fraud to Army criminal investigators.

Travelers should return any unused tickets and claim reimbursement only if paying for travel themselves.

New JAG officers recruited

Applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education will be accepted Aug. 1 through Nov. 1.

About 15 active-duty officers will be selected to attend law school at the government's expense in the fall of 2005. They will remain on active duty while in law school.

The program is open to lieutenants and captains who will have between two and six years of active federal service at the time their legal training begins.

For more information, contact your local Staff Judge Advocate.

Vandals sought

Fifteen V Corps vehicles stored at the Kaiserslautern General Services Center were vandalized in the spring.

The Criminal Investigation Division is offering a \$2,000 reward for clues leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved.

To report information to a CID agent, call 0631-340-6020.

Rev up for annual Ride to Work Day

RIDE TO WORK, INC.

PRESS RELEASE

Motorcyclists and drivers take note: The 13th annual Ride to Work Day is July 21. Because participation in this worldwide event is estimated

to triple the number of motorcycle riders on the road, drivers should take extra care when entering traffic.

Countries participating in Ride to Work Day include Germany, the Philippines, England, Israel, Turkey, Ecuador and the United States.

The American Motorcyclist Association and other rider organizations around the world encourage all motorcyclists to ride their cycles to work as a grass-roots demonstration on the third Wednesday in July each year.

"Riding to work on this day shows the positive value of motorcycling for transportation," Andy Goldfine, this year's event organizer, said. "For many people, riding is a socially responsible form of personal mobility that saves energy, helps the environment and provides a broad range of other public benefits."

Most motorcycles are lightweight

and efficient; as a result they consume fewer resources per mile than other automobiles.

A motorcycle's size and nimbleness — advantages over cars and light trucks — also mean that adding more

of them to the daily transportation mix makes urban parking easier, reduces road congestion and improves traffic flow.

In urban areas, studies have shown that motorcyclists consistently reach their destinations more

quickly than car drivers.

Each workday more than 80 million cars and light trucks commute on American roads, but only about 200,000 people regularly ride their cycles to work.

In countries where mobility is an issue, such as Japan, Germany and England, the benefits of motorcycling for transportation are more widely appreciated, however.

In the United States, a smaller percentage of the 7 million registered cycles are used for daily transportation and commuting.

For more information, log on to www.ridetowork.org.

Reminder:
Motorcyclists must have a helmet, a U.S. Army Europe motorcycle driver's license and proof of having completed a motorcycle safety foundation course.



Photo courtesy of Ride to Work, Inc.

Motorcycles will observe National Ride to Work Day July 21 in countries around the world, including Germany. All drivers should be especially watchful.



Photo by Micahela Fulton

Don't become a construction hazard

The Department of Public Works has expressed concerns that people are ignoring the signs and barricades around on-post construction sites — at their own peril. Robert Dunwoody, a summer hire for the 100th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office, carefully demonstrates what others should never do: walk through a site, rather than well around it.

Volksfest

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Forestry Office booth.

Also look for local organizations, such as unit family readiness groups and military community clubs, in booths serving hamburgers, nachos, fresh lemonade and other refreshments. The fest is their opportunity to raise funds for the year.

A Volksfest would not be Bavarian without beer. The first keg will be tapped at 11:15 a.m. to open the fest, and the brew will flow until midnight on the first two evenings, and until 11 on the closing one.

For safety and convenience, a shuttle service will run between Vilseck and Grafenwoehr posts and the fest.

Proceeds from the Volksfest are used to fund scholarship programs, purchase holiday food baskets for needy families and feed the masses at the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at the Volksfest by collecting charitable donations for the German-American Community Council should phone Germaine Carter, 409th Base Support Battalion volunteer coordinator, at 476-2650.

Realistic trainer gives more bang for buck

BY ALLISON ECKEL

TRAINING TIMES STAFF

As a red flare illuminated the desert landscape July 9, the troops opened fire on the still-indistinct human forms swarming over the hill 300 meters away. Small red and green lights flashed over the target Soldiers, as bullets found their mark or missed.

The flare faded and platoon leader Sgt. James Smith called, "Cease fire and clear all weapons."

Light returned to the large room in Vilseck's building 133. The desert skirmish had occurred within the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, which Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, in Hohenfels, visit two times per quarter for collective gunnery training such as this exercise, Smith said.

The EST is a good place to train, he said, because "on a regular range, targets are pretty static. [It] lets us put different-caliber guns against an enemy force [and we] don't have to have all the ammo."

"It's not 3-D; that's one of the drawbacks," he said. But the high level of realism the Soldiers face in



Photo by Allison Eckel

Troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, prepare to face a simulated enemy inside the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 at Vilseck.

the simulated battles makes up for that shortcoming, he said.

"We have some built-up scenarios, desert ... not so many

woodland, because we try to keep it to what these guys would see in Afghanistan or Iraq."

Bruner Caudilo, senior training

facilitator at EST-2000, explained that the weapons used in this simulator are real and "they all run off of compressed air to give the

realistic recoil effects."

The system, Caudilo said, uses lasers, data boxes, two large screens and computers – all of which are portable – to create realistic engagements. Following an event, the computer gives each gunner such statistics as kills, misses and rounds of ammunition used.

"Most of the squads practice on ammo conservation, sending reports, medical evacuation. ... It gets pretty hairy in there when they're doing all that stuff," Caudilo said.

Besides collective training, he said, the EST-2000 is used for weapons qualification on everything from the M9 pistol to the MK19 40-millimeter grenade launcher, as well as "shoot/don't shoot" drills to practice distinguishing enemies from civilians.

On average, Caudilo said, 125 to 150 Soldiers train there each week.

"It's open for everyone and pretty busy every day," he said.

After a 45-minute warm-up in the morning, the system needs less than two minutes to change scenarios and wastes no ammo, making the EST-2000, Caudilo said, a fast and cost-effective way to train.



Photos by Allison Eckel

Presenting the colors at the 409th Base Support Battalion Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in April were members of the Vilseck American High School color guard (from left) Amber Cermak, April Odom, Christina Rivera, Schlashely Marrero and Ashley McMurtry (Angela Odom not pictured). Some of the girls also attended the JROTC camp in Grafenwoehr June 13.

JROTC camp 'adventure' for cadets

BY ALLISON ECKEL

TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Cadets from Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs throughout Europe converged on Grafenwoehr for the annual summer camp June 13.

"This is adventure camp. We try to integrate some things like the Army obstacle course, leadership training and physical training," Maj. David Schwab, summer camp coordinator and instructor of the Baumholder JROTC program, said.

The 10-day camp, sponsored by U.S. Army Europe and the Department of Defense Dependents Schools – Europe, was designed to sharpen the 119 cadets' leadership skills while challenging them physically and mentally in a military setting.

This was the 10th year for the camp to be held in Germany.

"In the classroom I don't really listen, but out here, I listen," Cadet Craig Hormann of Lakenheath, England, said. His comment drew a chorus of "hooahs" from nearby cadets.

Hormann's favorite aspect of the camp surprised his peers: "Getting up an hour before we're supposed to, to do [physical training]. I like getting up early, because it doesn't seem that your day's wasted," he said.

Tracy Smith of Heidelberg said she came to camp for "the new experiences that I can't get at school." This year, those experiences included introductions to the Blackhawk helicopter and the Bradley Mechanized Fighting Vehicle.

For Chris Stepps of Vicenza, Italy, a highlight of camp was a land-navigation exercise through a forest. "Vicenza doesn't have many forests," he said.

Although organizers took numerous measures for the cadets' safety, the camp was not without danger. Erin Small of Hohenfels missed the ropes course because of a canoeing accident.

"When the canoe flipped over, my body was trapped under," she explained. "[The canoe] hit me in the back of the neck — twice." Small wore a neck brace for one day as a precaution.

When asked what he had learned at camp, Matt Hunter of Vilseck replied "teamwork," especially from such group projects as land navigation.

"[Small] found our way back, and I had to do the pacemaking," he said.

Begun in 1916, the JROTC program no longer trains youths to be Soldiers.

"We do no shooting except in the simulator, no paintball," Schwab said. "What we try to do is develop leaders. This is not an officer-generating program. This is a program for students to learn some skills — write, read, speak — every school's program does something different."

The Army JROTC program is primarily an elective class at all DODDS — Europe high schools, as well as schools throughout the United States. Instructors are military retirees employed by the school.

In addition to 180 credit hours during the school

year, the program requires participation in at least one extracurricular activity, such as drill team, color guard or honor guard. A varsity sport also qualifies.

In the end, why do high-school students bother with uniforms, inspections and other Army aspects of the JROTC program? Although one girl at camp said, "Just to have fun," most, like Kaytee Enmons of Vicenza, answered, "to get a scholarship."



During camp, JROTC cadets open their standard Army Meals Ready-to-Eat for the day's midday meal, served at Camp Aachen.

In brief

Force protection training

The 409th Base Support Battalion will conduct a community force protection exercise July 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Have your ID card or installation pass with you, and expect checks and delays when entering official buildings and stores.

Training on individual force protection measures will be given at the Vilseck Theater July 22 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; it is open to Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, local nationals and family members.

AFN Bavaria programming

Through Aug. 6, repairs will be made to the antenna on AFN Bavaria's primary radio transmitter tower in Grafenwoehr.

To ensure that information reaches listeners in Vilseck, the local morning show will be

broadcast from 6 to 9 on FM 107.6 instead of AFN-Frankfurt's *Morning Newswatch*. From 3 to 5, the local afternoon show will replace *Evening Newswatch* at the same frequency.

Other programming and frequencies will not be affected.

Optometry clinic hours

Beginning Aug. 1, the optometry clinic's hours will be the same as those of the Vilseck Health Clinic: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sick call hours will not change.

DRM closure

The 100th Area Support Group Directorate of Resource Management will be closed July 30 for their annual works outing.

Guardsmen tackle building projects for 7th ATC

BY ALLISON ECKEL
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

The groups that come to the 7th Army Training Command are here to train; seldom do they have the opportunity to give something back to the area.

Such was not the case for two National Guard units that each spent three weeks training in Grafenwoehr this summer as part of the 409th Base Support Battalion's Troop Construction program. The 803rd Engineer Detachment of Seattle and the 229th Eng. Det. of Kingswood, W. Va., brought builders and road crews to train in equipment, procedures and land navigation, and left the 7th ATC two renovated buildings, improved roads and repaired ranges.

In an area with much civilian-led construction, the sight of BDU-clad Soldiers in hard hats is uncommon. Peter Specht, engineering technician for the 409th BSB Directorate of Public Works, said that giving some construction projects to National Guard and Reserve troops saves the Army time and money.

"Doing [these projects] with contract money, the waiting time to get it approved is much longer,

so using the National Guard is much quicker," Specht said. "We have to pay to bring the Soldiers over, and the labor is free."

1st Lt. Michael Wayne and Staff Sgt. Larry Young, both of the 983rd Engineer Battalion in Monclova, Ohio, assisted Specht with project coordination.

"We were brought here on TTAD (temporary tour of active duty) to support the 409th Troop Construction program," Wayne said. "We act as the units' sponsor [and] provide quality control for the projects."

This year's construction projects involved the renovations of two barracks buildings in Camp Aachen. When the National Guard units arrived, each building had been gutted and its asbestos ceiling removed.

"We were told, 'Here's your project: Go,'" Staff Sgt. Darrin Grimm of the 229th Eng. Det. said.

Two weeks later, the building had seven rooms and new wiring, including Internet access. Only tile and paint remained to be done.

Grimm said his crew had worked more as a team than usual. Normally, he said, carpenters and electricians alternate, so as to stay out of each other's way. On this job,



Photo by Allison Eckel

West Virginia National Guardsman Sgt. David McClelland cuts drywall for the construction his unit, the 229th Engineer Detachment of Kingswood, did inside a building on Camp Aachen.

however, they had to share the space. Everyone working at once "adds a little more of a challenge."

Another challenge presented by these projects, Specht said, is that the U.S. builders must work to German specifications.

"This helps them if they are getting deployed to the Middle East where they will use [the

German] standard, techniques and materials," he said.

Along with builders, the engineer detachments brought Soldiers and equipment suited for "horizontal" projects, such as road-grading and range upkeep.

Three weeks in Germany did not afford much time for sightseeing. In their final week, however, the

Soldiers got two days of downtime, which were filled with Morale, Welfare and Recreation tours.

In the years to come, Specht said, look for more Reserve and National Guard Soldiers at work around the training area.

"They always say it's good training," he said, "and we like working with the Soldiers."



Knowles Atchinson and Dustin Strain of Hohenfels make their way to the finish line in the wheelbarrow race.



Marion Stein paints the face of a patriotically clad Payton Perryman during the Hohenfels July Fourth Open-Air Extravaganza at the Great Escape.



Patrick Hagler zips around on a trike during the party at Little Mike Lake (above). Below, two masked wrestlers battle it out in the sumo ring.

Fun on the Fourth

TRAINING TIMES STAFF

The 100th Area Support Group celebrated Independence Day with a variety of events and activities for the military community.

In Vilseck, a birthday party for America was held at Little Mike Lake. The event featured basketball, horseshoes, and volleyball tournaments, an all-day barbecue, and a children's carnival complete with go-carts, a jumping castle, sumo wrestling, canoe rides, skateboarding, field games and face-painting.

At the Grafenwoehr Bowling and Entertainment Center, children could bowl for free throughout the day. A barbecue on the patio ran from before noon until night, a disc jockey spun tunes, and the Just Country Band performed in the evening.

The July Fourth Open-Air Extravaganza at the Great Escape in Hohenfels was filled with offbeat contests, such as Jell-O nailing, pie eating and egg tossing. A tug-of-war competition and a wheelbarrow race were also held. Bryan Barlett, Maxwell Corsetto, Trey Martin, Brittany Merriweather and Natalie Sudduth won remote-controlled trucks donated by Exchange New Car Sales. Amy Corsetto and Kerry Dyer won \$50 savings bonds from Service Credit Union, and Paul Arnett won a \$50 savings bond from Community Bank. The bash also featured live music and a variety of food.

All three celebrations culminated in fireworks displays, which lit up the fortuitously clear night skies (see cover photo).



A unidentified cream-covered competitor vies for a prize during the pie-eating contest held as part of the Hohenfels festivities.



Local teens go for gold – and get it

BY HEIDI FEDAK

282ND BSB MWR MARKETING

Good things really do come in small packages. Just ask one of the four members of the Hohenfels Tiger Keystone Club.

This small group of teens is the first in U.S. Army history to

achieve gold-level status – the highest that a Keystone Club can attain. They celebrated this accomplishment July 12 during a community-wide celebration held at the Hohenfels Teen Center.

“Being first at anything is always hooah,” said Col. Richard Jung Sr., 100th Area Support Group commander. “Being the first in the Army is hooah-hooah. I’m just bursting at the seams. This is absolutely awesome.”

Keystone Clubs are leadership organizations for youths aged 14 to 18, established under the Department of the Army’s Child and Youth Services partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Hohenfels chapter comprises Antonio Burton, Christen Noble, Ray Noble and Jose Velez.

The local club earned their gold-level status by being a nationally chartered Keystone Club for the past four years, completing a national Keystone project every

chartered year, attending two national Keystone conferences in the United States, serving as the organizing committee for the first European Regional Keystone Conference and performing numerous community-service projects. Such projects included a

Thanksgiving food drive for a nearby orphanage and a community diversity day at School Age Services.

The gold-level recognition comes

four years after the Hohenfels chapter got its start. With its four members, the club proved that size doesn’t matter, but dedication, commitment and community service do, club member Velez said.

“Once again, Hohenfels has shown that we’re small but produce great things,” said the club’s adviser, Helen Noble. “The work my Keystoners have put into this club and community makes me very proud to be their adviser. They work hard and are dedicated to making a difference.”

During the ceremony, the members were recognized by the 282nd Base Support Battalion commander as well. Lt. Col. David Witty praised the youths for their commitment and dedication to the Keystone Club tenets of service to club and community, education, free enterprise, social

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Helen Noble,
Keystone Club advisor



Photos by Norbert Wittl

282nd Base Support Battalion commander Lt. Col. David Witty congratulates Christen Noble during the Keystone Club recognition ceremony July 12. Witty presented commander’s coins to each member, as did 100th Area Support Group commander Col. Richard Jung Sr.

recreation and unity.

“Congratulations for what you’ve done,” Witty told the four teens, as well as about 50 people who had gathered for the ceremony. “It’s really great what you’ve accomplished. It shows you have a lot of initiative and drive.”

But they couldn’t have done it alone. The Keystone members, in

turn, thanked the Hohenfels Community and Spouses Club, as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for their monetary support. The financial boost helped them to attend the Keystone conferences in the United States.

Each of the teens received coins and certificates of appreciation from the 100th ASG and the 282nd

BSB commanders. Their advisor, meanwhile, received the same, along with many laudatory words.

“She has been a role model, leader, mother and friend to the students in the center,” Dianely Heredia, a USAREUR liaison from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, said of Ms. Noble. “For that, I applaud you.”

Lock doors, head for SNAP Night Out

On Aug. 5, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., neighborhoods throughout the 282nd Base Support Battalion are invited to celebrate the annual National Night Out crime-and-drug prevention event at the Sportplatz.

The party will feature free food, a clown, face-painting, children’s games with prizes, a police dog demonstration and the Nighttime Knight, official

mascot of the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program.

The event is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations, while heightening awareness of crime and drug prevention.

It is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Hohenfels Military Police and SNAP.

In brief

Sports Bar to open

The Sports Bar and Game Zone will hold its grand opening on Sept. 10.

The new facility will feature grill parties at lunchtime on Fridays, as well as changing dinner menus. Family luncheon specials on Sundays are also planned.

Karaoke will be offered on

Fridays and Sundays.

Yearbooks available

High-school yearbooks are on sale. The annuals range in cost from \$45 to \$50.

During the summer, the school is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

For information, call 466-3162.

Children read their way into 'Winner's Circle'

BY ALICE ADLER
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

During summer break, the children in Hohenfels are taking no break from reading. The Hohenfels Library began its eight-week summer reading program July 7.

The Join the Winner's Circle reading program is designed to encourage children to read and teach them library skills while

having fun.

"It is totally redone from last year," librarian Kate Nichols explained. "We're really excited."

The program divides children into three age groups: 4 and under, 5- to 7-year-olds, and 8- to 10-year-olds. Each group reads books and participates in activities designed for their reading levels. A different theme has been planned for each week, beginning with American history and geography.

The first weekly meeting of the preschool group attracted more than 30 children, who listened as Nichols read a book about Independence Day. Afterward, the children colored pictures of fireworks while discussing the significance of America's birthday. Chase Richards said he liked coloring the fireworks, and added that he liked reading.

"I like Spider-Man books," he said.

Later in the day, the 5- to 7-year-olds worked on their program about the United States. First they assembled a floor-sized puzzle of a U.S. map. Then they named the different places they had lived and learned to locate them on the map. Finally, they read a book about the nation's history, during which Nichols answered her listeners' questions.

The program for children 8 and older emphasizes library skills and oral presentations. They will be introduced to the Dewey decimal system and learn to use the library. The older students will also practice reading aloud and giving presentations on what they have read.

The two eldest groups will take part in the Summer Library Expedition as well.



Chase Richards, Sage Rhodes and Malorie Richards look at an alphabet book being read to them by Hohenfels librarian Kate Nichols.



Photos by Alice Adler

(Clockwise from lower left) Abby Freeman, Malorie Richards, Sage Rhodes and Chase Richards try to find the states where they have lived on a large U.S. map during the first day of the summer reading program at the library July 7.

Throughout the summer, the children will have chances to answer questions about books and reading, and each correct answer will earn them a footprint stamp. Their collected footprints will be hung in the library at the end of the summer to show the progress they've made on their learning expedition.

In addition, the books they read this summer will be recorded on a reading wheel. Each child has been given a spoke on which he or she will write down the names

of completed books.

As the students left, they were given the theme for the following week's activities, departing with books and questions about weather, to be discussed next time.

The summer reading program meets every Wednesday. Preschool story hour begins at 9:30 a.m., children ages 5 to 7 follow at 11 a.m., and the more advanced activities for older children start at 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the program, call the library at 466-1740.

Local bodybuilder takes title at European championship

BY ALICE ADLER
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Young of the Hohenfels Viper team traveled to RAF Mildenhall in England to compete in the Ultrabodies 5 bodybuilding championship June 19. Young took first place in the light-heavy-weight category.

The competition was open to all U.S. ID cardholders in Europe. Young out-muscled six other competitors to win in his weight class, and took second place in the overall competition, in which winners from each weight class compete against one another.

Young said he felt his years of work at the gym had finally paid off. He has been bodybuilding for 12 years and competing in

bodybuilding championships for nine years. Last year, he won the lightweight class at a championship in Kitzingen.

Young works out at the Olympia Fitness Center on Hohenfels and at the Body Gym in nearby Hema, where he lives.

He does all the work on his own, without a trainer.

"Bodybuilding is such an individual thing, a personal thing," Young said.

"You do whatever works for you."

Young said he enjoys the challenge of bodybuilding, primarily because unlike other sports, bodybuilding requires the competitor to focus on his goal all the time.

"It's different from other sports. With bodybuilding, it has to be a lifestyle," he said, "especially if you want to compete."



Young

Off post

- Feast on pizza, pasta and other such fare at *Bella Notte* Italian Night July 24 beginning at 6 around the *Rathaus* fountain in Eschenbach.
- The *Brunnenfest* or “fountain fest” will be celebrated on the Vilseck market square July 31 and Aug. 1. On the second day, a flea market will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Follow the signs to the *Breite Gasse*. For more information, call 0170-611-2221.

Army Community Service Vilseck

- Army Family Team Building will offer a leadership-skills seminar July 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the AFTB classroom. Communication and listening skills, leaders’ roles, and problem-solving will be covered. The public is invited, and child care at the Child Development Center will be paid. Call 476-2797/2650 to preregister.
 - Take a tour of Eschenbach hospital July 22 at 6 p.m.
 - Infant massage will be taught on July 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - The International Spouses Group will hold its monthly meeting on July 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This session will focus on the military community and financial readiness. Anyone may join – not just foreign-born spouses – and free child care is provided.
- For more information about any of these activities, call 476-2650.

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- English as a second language will be taught on July 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Two financial-planning classes will be offered on July 24: Checkbook Maintenance from 10 a.m. to noon, and Credit and

Budgeting from 1 to 3 p.m.

- The next newcomers’ orientation is set for July 26 to 30, beginning at 8:30 each morning. On Wednesday, the group will meet at ACS; all other sessions will be held at the community Activities Center.
 - Learn about pregnancy and labor in a class scheduled July 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- To register for any of the above, call 466-2861/2081.

Arts and Crafts Centers Grafenwoehr

- The next quilting project will be a nine patch-paw table runner. The class will meet Aug. 4, 11 and 25 from 10 to 12 each morning. The fee is \$25, which does not include supplies. For more information, call 475-6101.

Vilseck

- Learn to make a wreath from a miniature Polish pottery tea set Aug. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$7.50 plus supplies.
 - Children ages 7 to 10 can learn to make pizzas July 30. The fee is \$7.50
- For details about either class, call 476-2652.

Hohenfels

Basic framing will be taught at 1 p.m. July 21. The fee is \$30. For details, call 466-2538.

Trips and Tours Grafenwoehr and Vilseck

- Go hiking through the vineyards of Bressanone, Italy, Aug. 13 to 15. The \$150 fee includes two nights’ accommodations with breakfast, transportation and a lift pass.
- Canoe along the Wiesent river July 24. The \$25 fee includes transportation, equipment and

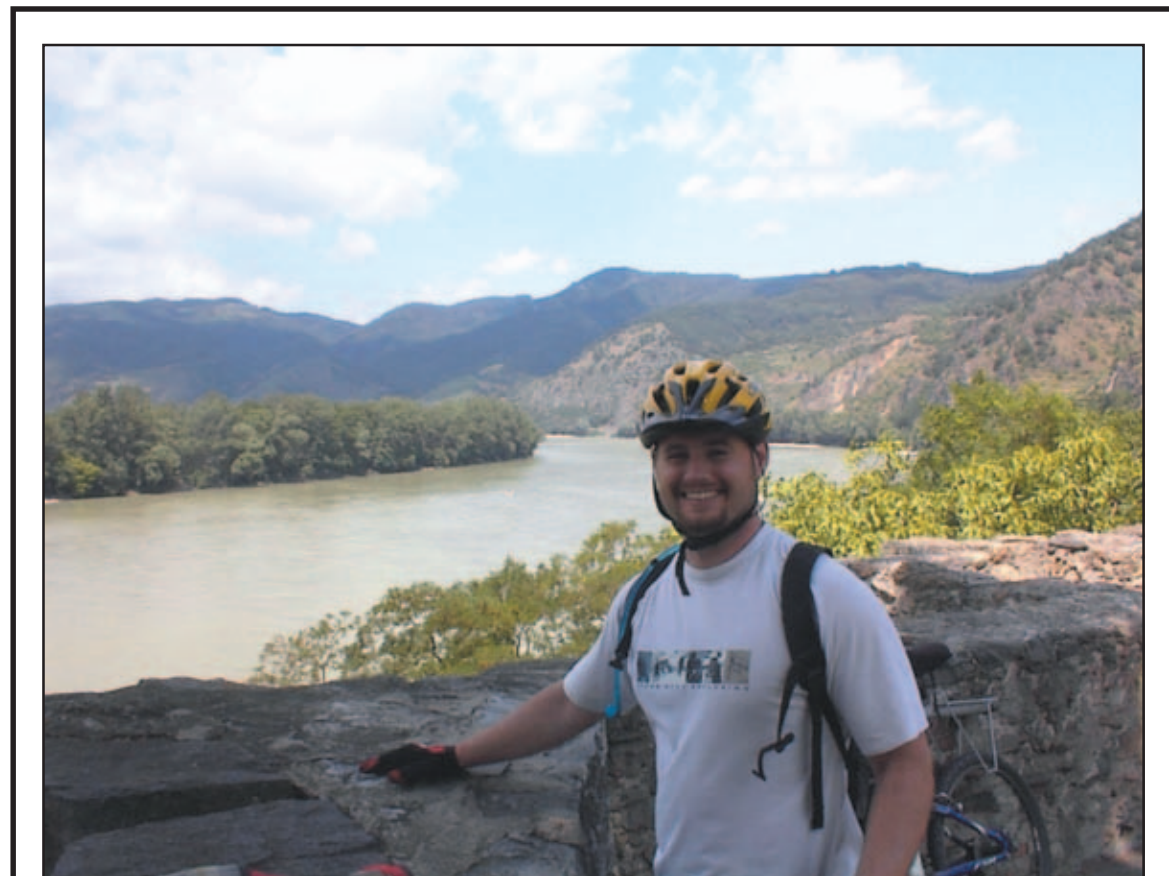


Photo by Brian Jansma

Vienna via cycle

Join Outdoor Recreation for a biking trip from Passau, Germany, to Vienna Aug. 6 to 9. Above, Casey Ryska, a participant on the tour last year, stops near Melk, Austria, to take in a view of the Danube river. The \$250 fee includes three nights’ accommodation, train fare to and from Passau, and a guided tour. Call ODR at 475- 7402 or 476-2563 for details.

grilled hot dogs for lunch. Children ages 6 to 14 may go for half price.

To sign up for either, call Outdoor Recreation at 476-2563/2866.

The Information, Tickets and Reservations office has trips planned for the entire family:

- Shop for hand-painted ceramics in Nove, Italy, July 30 and 31.
 - Take a day trip to Warner Brothers’ Movie World July 24.
- For more information, call ITR at 475-7402 or 476-2360.

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Tour two castles for \$45 July 24. For details, call ITR at 466-2225.

Youths**Grafenwoehr and Vilseck**

The Youth Center has the following trips planned this month: horseback-riding, July 26; *Schloss Thurn* amusement park, July 28; train ride to Regensburg mall, Aug. 4. Call 476-3144 for prices or other information.

Hohenfels

- The Teen Center will sponsor a ropes-course trip July 31.
 - Go swimming at the Palm Beach *Schwimmbad* in Nuremberg (see page 14) Aug. 4. The bus will depart from Velburg at 8 a.m.
- Sign up at Bldg. 72 for either outing. Call 466-4492 for details.

Chapels**Volunteers needed**

Nonpersonal service contracts for watch care, musicians, religious-education coordinators, parish coordinators and Catholic

clergy are open for bidding in the 100th Area Support Group. No government employee may bid. Contracts run from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. For more information, call your local chapel.

Chapel Youth Ministry

- *Middle school (grades six to eight):* Weekly meeting are held Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Grafenwoehr and Vilseck, and on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. in Hohenfels.

- *High school:* Youth groups meet every Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Grafenwoehr and Vilseck, and from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in Hohenfels.

For more information, call 475-1570 in Grafenwoehr, 476-1570 in Vilseck or 466-1570 in Hohenfels.

Vacation Bible School

Grafenwoehr’s VBS is set for Aug. 9 to 13. The theme this year is Lava Lava Island.

Clubs and Organizations

The Grafenwoehr Community and Spouses Club needs volunteers for the Volksfest (see page 1) – their biggest fund-raiser of the year. To sign up for a four-hour shift, call Tori Peyghambarian at 09641-931917.

Job opportunities**Central Texas College**

- CTC needs teachers for its evening automotive classes. This part-time position requires a minimum three years’ experience and an associate’s degree. Term I runs begins Aug. 23.

- Lab assistants are also needed. Duties include student preparation, patient assessment and ambulance operations. CPR and Emergency Medical Technician certifications are required.

Stop by the Hohenfels Education Center for more information.

Vilseck Elementary School

- VES seeks lunch monitors for the upcoming school year. These positions are for 10 hours per week, Monday through Friday.
 - Substitute teachers are also needed at VES. Applicants must be high-school graduates, at least 18 years old, U.S. citizens and able to pass a background check.
- For more information about either position, call 476-2812 or pick up an application at the school.

Outdoor Rec’s 1000K bike club cycling down

Outdoor Recreation’s 1000K Bike Club riding program is nearing an end.

If you’ve been working toward this goal, you may want to kick it into high gear to complete the required number of kilometers.

A limited stock of jerseys is available. If you want one, contact your local ODR for a schedule of opportunities.

For more information, call 475-7402 in Grafenwoehr, 476-2563 in Vilseck or 466-2060 in Hohenfels.

Dragons smoke softball tournament



Photo by Dan Fraizer

Spec. Jarrod Maloney of 535th Engineers rips a base hit down the left field line, helping his team to a fourth-place finish in the 409th Base Support Battalion Triple-Eliminator unit-level softball tournament, held July 2 to 4 in Grafenwoehr.

BY DAN FRAIZER

100TH ASG SPORTS AND RECREATION

Company D, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, celebrated the Independence Day weekend with a win over the Marines' softball team to take the championship of the 409th Base Support Battalion Triple-Eliminator unit-level softball tournament in Grafenwoehr, July 2 to 4.

Although seven teams chose to spend their holiday weekend at this competition, it was a competitive field. Last year's U.S. Army Europe unit-level champions, Marine Forces Europe from Schweinfurt, as well as the champions from the two previous 409th BSB softball tournaments — Headquarters and Headquarters Company, V Corps, from Heidelberg, and Operations Group from Hohenfels — ensured that winning would not be easy.

The Dragons of Delta Co. made it through the winner's bracket unscathed, thanks in part to an upset of Operations Group by the

535th Engineers from Grafenwoehr in the first round. The early loss forced Ops Group to play catch-up the rest of the way.

Marine Forces Europe, knocked out of the winner's bracket by the Dragons, bounced back to run the table on the first loser's bracket, dispatching Operations Group, Company B, 2-2 Infantry, and 535th Engineers along the way.

On the final morning, the Dragons and Marine Forces Europe met in their second game of the weekend, and Delta Co. was again victorious. The hometown heroes logged a 7-4 win on the visiting Marines.

The loss sent the Marines' team up against HHC, V Corps, the only team in the tournament they had yet to play. Marine Forces Europe ended HHC's play, 11-3, and sent them back to Heidelberg with third-place trophies.

That loser's bracket final set up a rematch for the championship. For the third time in the tournament, the Dragons and Marine

Forces Europe took the field. Delta Co. entered the game with no losses, while Marine Forces Europe had two, both at the hands of the Dragons. Because of the triple-elimination format, for the Marines to win the championship, they would have to beat the Dragons in three straight games.

The Dragons had a hard time finding holes in the Marines' defense, and they lost the first game, 13-10. Although they staged a furious rally late in the second game, they lost, 10-8.

In the final game, the Dragons carried over the energy and offensive burst from the end of the previous game. They quickly gained a lead over the Marines that they would not relinquish.

In the end, Delta Co. defeated Marine Forces Europe, 18-13, to win the tournament.

The Dragons and Marine Forces Europe combined for 114 runs through the five games, three of which were Delta Co. victories.

409th BSB community team nets third in soccer tourney

BY DAN FRAIZER

100TH ASG SPORTS AND RECREATION

The 409th Base Support Battalion hosted the Army's European community-level soccer tournament June 10 to 13, and the home team captured the third-place trophy.

After going 3-1 in the round-robin portion of the tournament, the team from the 409th BSB communities of Grafenwoehr and Vilseck entered the single-elimination medals bracket as the fourth seed.

In their first game, they were matched against Hohenfels, the team from the south side of the 100th Area Support Group. The 409th BSB gave up two goals late in the game as Hohenfels rallied, but held on for the 3-2 win.

In the second game, they were

matched against the heavily favored team from Heidelberg. The 409th BSB came out firing, scoring the first goal from about 40 meters out, midway through the first half. The only answer Heidelberg had in the first half was a penalty kick, which tied the score at 1-1.

Heidelberg was on the attack in the second half, scoring three goals before the 409th BSB could answer with another of their own. But it was too late, and the home team fell with a score of 4-2.

In the bronze medal game, the 409th BSB was matched with a tired Kitzingen team, who had lost to Vicenza, Italy, in the previous tournament game. The 409th BSB team cruised past Kitzingen, 2-0, for third-place honors.



Photo by Dan Fraizer

The 409th BSB community soccer team came in third at the Army's European tournament, June 10 to 13 in Grafenwoehr.

'Schwimmbads' offer pool of variety

BY **BILLY YATES, III**
GUEST WRITER

The sun is out. School has been out. It is finally time to get out and hit the pools.

In Bavaria, there are more than 1,000 open-air swimming pools or *Schwimmbads*. There are also *Hallenbads* (indoor swimming pools) and *Waldbads* (forest swimming pools).

Most of these pools have similar customs and prices. For the entire day, prices vary depending on the size and what the *Schwimmbad* has to offer.

In Vilseck, the price for the entire day is 2 euros for adults (age 16 and older), but at a larger pool in Amberg, it is 8 euros for adults (18 and older). In both places, the prices for children are half that of adults.

When counting your change, don't forget to take along a few euros for refreshments; snack items and basic grilled food are often available. Prices are comparable throughout many *Schwimmbads* in the region.

Most *Schwimmbads* open between 9 and 10 a.m. and close between 6 and 7 in the evening.

Hallenbads are generally open later, until 10 p.m.

These *Bads* share many customs. For newcomers to Bavaria, don't be surprised by the clothing – or lack of it. It is not unusual to see naked toddlers in the kiddie pools.

It is also customary that you take a quick shower before entering the pools.

In the larger *Schwimmbads*, the entrance ticket will become important. Lockers in the changing rooms have keys that will release only when this ticket is inserted into the back of the lock. Make sure you keep your keys with you at all times.

When you are finished swimming, you will need your ticket to get out of the *Schwimmbad*. Remember that you may owe more for your swim if you have paid at an hourly rate.

Most of the rules common in American pools, such as no running, apply to German *Schwimmbads* as well.

Here is a look at some of the bigger *Bads* in the area.

The Amberg *Hallenbad* has a slide, several pools and a good

selection of food for the hungry swimmer. The indoor pool is linked to the one outside. It also has a sauna.

The *Schwimmbad* in Weiden, besides having a large pool, has a *Sportplatz* featuring table tennis, volleyball, two large playgrounds and a restaurant.

Nuremberg has several *Schwimmbads*. The most popular is the Kristall Palm Beach. It has a large wave pool, five slides, one inner-tube slide and a restaurant with the best *pommes frites* around. Palm trees and other tropical decor surround the *Freizeitbad*. In addition to all the pool-related activities, you can get a massage and relax in the sauna.

There are many *Schwimmbads* in the area, including Grafenwoehr, Auerbach, Sulzbach-Rosenberg and Hirschau.

For those who prefer a natural alternative, Eschenbach and Pressath also offer swimming in lakes.

Now is the time to go out and find your favorite *Schwimmbad*, *Hallenbad* or *Waldbad* to enjoy this German experience as part of your European tour.



Photo by Alice Adler

Molly Dixon of Hohenfels takes the plunge from a slide at the Kristall Palm Beach *Schwimmbad*, outside of Nuremberg.

Crossword

Summer often brings road trips. But if cool weather and high fuel prices have kept you at home, this puzzle will let you pine for the open road. Edited by Allison Eckel

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Bands battle it out in 100th ASG contest

BY HEIDI FEDAK

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Despite its name, the band Busted Amber was not broken.

In fact, they were anything but, taking top honors at the 100th Area Support Group Battle of the Bands competition in Hohenfels July 10.

The three-member band of lead singer Pfc. James Cameron Hall, bassist Pfc. Aaron Vascimini and drummer Pfc. Jed Martin trounced two others to be named top talent.

The group had been together two months before taking the stage for their three-song set during the competition.

"It's awesome," Hall said of the group's win. "The band worked really, really hard. We played the same three songs for three hours straight, and then we would take a break. It was a very structured practice. We didn't let ourselves waiver. We practiced the same three songs over, and over, and over."

A twist of fate brought Busted Amber together. Vascimini, a Viper, and Martin, who works in Grafenwoehr, met through Martin's wife, also a Viper. They started practicing together at the Community Activities Center. Soon artistic differences erupted, and the group was left without a lead singer. That's

when Hall, who works at the CAC as BOSS president, stepped in.

"Cameron brought out his guitar and just started jamming," Vascimini said. "Cameron has a really good voice, and since I play bass, we kind of put down our guitars and took our respective spots in Busted Amber."

Hall also performed in the Stars of Tomorrow competition, taking first place for instrumental solo on guitar and second place for self-accompanied solo.

"It's amazing," Hall said. "Each time before I win, it just seems so odd, so weird that I got it. It just doesn't seem possible that I'm getting recognition for something I created with the help of my band. In my head, it's just something I'm doing for my hobby. Somewhere along the line, it has to change from your hobby to what you want to do with your life. How many people can say their dreams come true? It's just odd to constantly receive positive feedback. It's pretty exciting."

With Busted Amber in the top spot, Black Box 60 came in second, and Shadowbox placed third.

Among youths, Blank Dice was named first in the band category. Jamie Lee took first in vocal solo.

About 100 people attended the



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The duet of Kevin Taylor and Christopher Rodriguez won the specialty group category at the 100th ASG Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow competitions, held July 10 in Hohenfels.

competition, including Comedy Central's David Attell, who served as a judge (see page 3).

Jamie Shallish, who placed first for both female vocal solo and her duet with Ralph Samuel, echoed

Hall's sentiments.

"Actually, it was a tremendous surprise," said Shallish of her fourth Stars of Tomorrow win in as many years. "I thought three years in a row was good, but four was amazing."

Both Hall and Shallish are self-taught performers who have never taken a lesson. Shallish, who is the manager of the Great Escape in Hohenfels, has been singing for 40 years. Hall, on the other hand, is relatively new to the music scene; he started playing guitar in 2000.

First- and second-place winners will head to the U.S. Army Europe competition, set for July 21 and 22 in Ansbach. Those not previously mentioned were as follows:

Male vocal solo: winner Britt Boyer, runner-up Samuel;

Instrumental solo: winner Hall, runner-up Wilfredo Velez;

Specialty group: winners Kevin Taylor and Christopher Rodriguez, runners-up Blues Delight;

Self-accompanied vocal solo: winner David "Dino" Brocious, runner-up Hall;

Female vocal solo: winner Shallish, runner-up Connie Boden;

Commander's Cup: winner Company C, 1-4 Infantry; runner-up Company B, 2-2 Inf. Battalion.

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Movies begin at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Because schedules are subject to change by local theaters, please telephone for verification. The Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels theaters are closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Grafenwoehr, Camp Aachen (09641-83-6115) The theater in Camp Aachen would not normally screen films during this time, because of its limited use by troops. Tune in to AFN Bavaria for announcements about movies at Camp Aachen, or phone the theater to hear a recording of the latest schedule.	Friday, July 30 Saturday, July 31 Sunday, Aug. 1	<i>Anchorman</i> (PG-13) <i>13 Going on 30</i> (PG-13) To be announced locally	Saturday, July 31 Sunday, Aug. 1 Monday, Aug. 2	<i>Mean Girls</i> (PG-13) To be announced locally To be announced locally
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Though Jennifer Garner (center) wakes up older, she remains a child at heart in *13 Going on 30*.

13 Going on 30
Starring Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo, Judy Greer
A girl who longs to grow up awakens one morning to find her wish granted: She has a great job and an apartment on Fifth Avenue. Unfortunately, the boy she always dreamed of is engaged to another.

The Alamo
Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Jason Patric, Patick Wilson
Three men — the young, brash Col. William Travis; the violent, passionate James Bowie; and the larger-than-life David Crockett — and their deeds at the Alamo are the subject of this historical drama.

Anchorman
Starring Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, Paul Rudd
A top-rated anchorman in San Diego circa 1970 goes head-to-head with an ambitious newswoman who refuses to settle for being “eye candy” and seats herself behind the news desk.

Envy
Starring Jack Black, Ben Stiller, Christopher Walken
Two best friends, who are also neighbors and co-workers, find their equal footing suddenly tripped up when one’s harebrained get-rich-quick scheme finally succeeds.

The Girl Next Door
Starring Emile Hirsch, Elisha Cuthbert, Timothy Olyphant
As graduation nears, a senior-class president is more concerned with getting into college than partying. All that changes, however, when a beautiful girl with a scandalous past becomes his neighbor.

Home on the Range
Animated
Life is perfect for the happy animals at Patch of Heaven dairy farm. Their idyllic life is shaken, however, when they learn that their farm is set to go on the auction block.

I, Robot
Starring Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood
In the year 2035, robots are a common household item, and everyone trusts them — except for one detective investigating what he believes is a crime committed by a robot.

Jersey Girl
Starring Ben Affleck, Raquel Castro, Liv Tyler
A recently widowed entertainment executive takes up residence with his father and daughter in New Jersey, where he finds a new romantic interest.

Johnson Family Vacation
Starring Cedric the Entertainer, Vanessa Williams, Solange Knowles
Even the onboard navigational system has a meltdown during a family’s obstacle-packed, cross-country trek to their annual reunion and grudge match in Missouri.

Mean Girls
Starring Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, Tina Fey
In this survival-of-the-fittest comedy, high school is a dangerous jungle of teenagers who prey on one another. When a pretty new girl arrives, she is torn between the most popular clique in school and the punky rebels.

The Notebook
Starring Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, James Garner
Based on the best-selling novel by Nicholas Sparks, this



Jack Black enjoys his recently gotten riches in *Envy*.



Will Ferrell arrives at the scene in *Anchorman*.

film follows a woman as she is reminded of a World War II-era romance by the discovery of her old notebook.

The Prince and Me
Starring Julia Stiles, Luke Mably, Miranda Richardson
In this modern fairy tale, a premed student with little interest in romance meets the crown prince of Denmark, who is posing as an exchange student, and falls head-over-heels.

Spider-Man 2
Starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Alfred Molina
In this sequel, mild-mannered Peter Parker struggles to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero and a college student.

The Terminal
Starring Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Chi McBride
A man visiting New York becomes stranded when his homeland erupts in a coup. During his months at Kennedy Airport, the terminal becomes his world, and he embarks on a romance with a beautiful flight attendant.

Walking Tall
Starring Rock, Johnny Knoxville, Neal McDonough
In this remake of the 1973 classic, a man returns to his boyhood home after an illustrious career in the U.S. Armed Forces. Finding his beloved town ravaged by corruption, he decides to run for sheriff to set things aright.

The Whole Ten Yards
Starring Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Natasha Henstridge
This sequel opens with the retired hit man enjoying his quiet life in a Mexican beachfront bungalow — until the appearance of an old friend, desperate for help in rescuing his kidnapped wife.